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Medical Officer of Health
and of the
Public Health Inspector
for the year 1964



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(As at 31st December 1964)

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To the Chairman and Members of the Kington Rural District
Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my
Annual Report for 1964, together with the report of the
Public Health Inspector.

There is little on which to comment
in the Statistical Section.

In the Public Health Inspector's
Report I should like to draw attention in the very large
increase in work done in inspecting carcasses at the slaughter-
houses, from 1,830 in 1963 to 3,125 in 1964. The increase,
of course, is almost entirely in the Eardisley slaughterhouse,
and represents a very great deal of time expended on this
invaluable service.

I would like to thank Mr. Chillingford
for his help and co-operation during the year.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	44,472
Estimated mid-year home population	4,380
Average number of persons per acre10
Number of inhabited houses	1,438
Average number of inhabited houses per acre03
Average number of persons per house	3.0
Rateable Value	£80,984
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£307

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	39	28	67
Illegitimate	1	1	2
	<hr/> 40	<hr/> 29	<hr/> 69

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.19	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Kington R.D. (Crude) ..	15.8	16.1	15.6	16.0	14.4
" " (Adjusted) ..	18.8	19.1	20.0	18.4	16.6
England and Wales ..	18.4	18.2	18.0	17.4	17.1

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Kington R.D. ..	2.9
England and Wales ..	figure not yet available
	(1963: 6.9)

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	1	1
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Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Kington R.D. ..	28.2	Nil	Nil	53.3	14.5
England and Wales ..	16.3	17.2	18.1	19.1	19.8

INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Kington R.D.	..	29.0
England and Wales	..	figure not yet available (1963: 12.1)

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Kington R.D.	..	29.0
England and Wales	..	13.8

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	1	1
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	1	3	4
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Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Kington R.D.	..	56.3
England and Wales	..	figure not yet available (1963: 29.3)

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Kington R.D.	(Total	29.0	42.3	14.5	14.1	29.4
	(Legitimate	29.9	30.8	Nil	14.3	31.9
	(Illegitimate	Nil	166.6	250.0	Nil	Nil
England & Wales	(Total	20.0	21.1	21.6	21.6	21.9
	(Legitimate	*	20.8	21.3	21.2	21.5
	(Illegitimate	*	26.0	27.2	25.3	26.4

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Kington R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	0.25

DEATHS

				Males	Females	Total
Total number of deaths from all causes:				26	25	51
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:						
Comparability factor: 0.87	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	
Kington R.D. (Crude)	11.6	13.6	14.5	10.8	10.9	
" " (Adjusted)	10.1	11.8	11.7	9.5	9.6	
England and Wales	11.3	12.2	11.9	11.9	11.5	

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	3	4	7
Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:			

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Kington R.D.	1.60	2.95	3.17	1.58	2.10
England and Wales	*	2.17	2.18	2.15	2.16

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	15	17	32

* figures not yet available

DEATHS (Continued)

Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year
home population:

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Kington R.D.	7.31	7.50	6.35	6.31	5.03
England and Wales	*	5.22	6.14	6.10	6.00

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	3	1	4

Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home
population:

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Kington R.D.	0.91	1.82	2.72	1.13	1.68
England and Wales	*	1.71	1.57	1.60	1.26

* figures not yet available

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	-	1	1
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-	1
Diabetes	2	-	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	4	9
Coronary disease, angina	4	4	8
Hypertension with heart disease	1	2	3
Other heart disease	4	7	11
Other circulatory disease	1	-	1
Pneumonia	-	1	1
Bronchitis	2	-	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
Congenital malformation	-	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	2	5
	26	25	51

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASEKington Rural District

Disease	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Whooping Cough	4	-	-	7	11
Measles	81	54	10	180	6
Scarlet Fever	1	6	2	1	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	2
Acute Pneumonia	-	1	1	1	2
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	10
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	-	2	3	-	-
Non-Pulmonary	1	-	-	-	-

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	70	29	13	126	70
Measles	609	507	337	583	189
Scarlet Fever	8	12	9	11	23
Erysipelas	2	3	5	3	4
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	2	2	1	3
Post-Infectious	-	1	2	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	8	13	15	18	18
Dysentery	3	7	1	62	123
Food Poisoning	14	7	5	11	39
Paratyphoid Fever	-	2	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	1	1	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	10	9	7	9	7
Non-Pulmonary	3	1	2	2	3
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	-	-	1	-	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HERFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1964

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	10	6	6	14	16	8	5	1	3	1	-	-	70
Measles	27	2	2	14	16	37	37	55	7	56	122	234	609
Scarlet Fever	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	8
Erysipelas	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Acute Pneumonia	1	-	2	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	8
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	9	-	14
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	1	1	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	2	-	-	10
Non-Pulmonary	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Here- fordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	1.90	0.67
Measles	16.55	6.46
Scarlet Fever	0.22	0.42
Erysipelas	0.06	0.03
Acute Pneumonia	0.22	0.19
Dysentery	0.08	0.42
Food Poisoning	0.38	0.11
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.27	0.32
Non-Pulmonary	0.08	0.05
* Puerperal Pyrexia	1.60	6.78

* per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births.

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1963.	16	7	5	5
New cases notified	-	-	-	1
Moved into district	1	-	-	-
Died from other causes	1	-	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December, 1964.	16	7	5	6

TUBERCULOSIS (Continued)

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1960	1	41	-	2
1961	-	38	1	1
1962	3	38	-	3
1963	2	33	-	1
1964	1	34	-	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORTWATER SUPPLIES

Part of the district was still without mains supply, as the proposed phase 2 of the district water scheme (now operated by the Herefordshire Water Board) was not started during the year. It is understood however, that tenders have been accepted for this work and that a start could be expected during 1965.

Serious shortages occurred in three parishes but were dealt with by the Water Board as they arose.

Ten samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination. Four were satisfactory and six were unsatisfactory. Advice as to measures required to improve supplies was given in these cases.

Public Swimming Baths

There are no public swimming baths in the district.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The two schemes of modernisation of existing works of disposal at Eardisley and Pembridge, and the sewerage and necessary disposal works for the village of Lyonshall were finalised during the year. Tenders were accepted and work is expected to start early in the new year. These improvements are long overdue and will, it is hoped, deal with the serious problem of sewerage and disposal in the three largest parishes of the district.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The work of collection and disposal continued throughout the year. A twice monthly collection by private contract is undertaken and this is a service much appreciated by ratepayers generally.

At present four tips are in operation but more are urgently needed. Crude tipping is employed and this presents its own problems of unsightliness, together with fly-breeding and rat infestation. It must be accepted in the future that the cost of control measures necessary as the result of this method of tipping will rise steadily pro-rata with the increased quantities of refuse collected.

The problem of abandoned car bodies has now arrived and will increase unless strict control measures are enforced.

RODENT CONTROL

Systematic survey and treatment, parish by parish, has been carried out, and rat infestation throughout the district has been kept under control. In addition to private and business property, the Council's sewers and disposal works, together with the refuse tips, received routine attention.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Council house repairs	..	136
Housing Acts	..	84
Nuisances and complaints	..	19
Building Byelaws	..	235
Water supplies (general)	..	43
Milk and Dairies Regulations		5
Food Premises	..	256
Disinfection following infectious disease		-
Disinfestation of verminous premises		-
Refuse disposal	..	102
Sewerage	..	132
Hergest Camp	..	108
Miscellaneous	..	14
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NOTICES ISSUED

Informal	..	2
Statutory	..	-
Complied with	..	2

HOUSING

The four bungalows for elderly persons at Whitney-on-Wye were completed and occupied during the year. Proposals for similar buildings at Eardisley and Pembridge were approved by the Council and negotiations started for acquisition of sites and preparation of plans.

Three houses were completed by private enterprise and three others were under construction at the end of the year.

Six applications for Discretionary Grants towards the cost of improvements to private dwellings were received during the year, five were approved and one refused. Thirteen applications for Standard Grants were also received and approved the total grants approved amounting to £3,502. The general trend of improvements to private property in the district was therefore well maintained.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The two private slaughterhouses continued in use during the year. At Eardisley a general increase in slaughtering occurred, necessitating daily visits to this establishment. One hundred per cent inspection of carcasses was maintained.

Number killed and examined:

Cattle	464
Sheep	1762
Pigs	890
Calves	9

The following was condemned:

4 cattle and 2 hind quarters,
11 sheep,
2 pigs,
240 lb. of offal.

Thirtyfour visits were made to other food premises where conditions generally were satisfactory, due consideration being given to the age of the buildings concerned and the availability or otherwise of essential services.

Food Premises are summarised as follows:

General shops	12
Butchers shops	2
Bakeries	2
Cafes	-
Public Houses	14

Number of premises registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act: 11

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

No prosecutions were taken under these regulations.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sec.1,2,3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by L.A.	11	8	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by L.A.	2	2	-	-
(3) Other Premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the L.A.	6	9	-	-
	19	19	-	-

Cases in which defects were found:

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Want of Cleanliness	2	2
Insufficient sanitary conveniences	1	-



